I would like to ask one question that in view of what happened in Chernobyl - of course, about the Chernobyl disaster, all of us know - whether our atomic reactors have been subjected to a strict monitoring with regard to the safety aspect. Secondly, the question of dumping of nuclear wastes itself is a serious problem even to the developed countries. How are we going to tackle it? May I know whether the Ministry is looking into this aspect also?

SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH : The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board has prepared a detailed report on the safety steps that have to be taken and we have put a very distinguished Indian scientist, Dr. Rama Rao as the chairman of the Board. They have all the powers. If they face any problem about the working of any reactor, I would say that all the recommendations of the Board have been fully taken into account; most of the short term recommendations have already been implemented; and the action plan for most of our nuclear agencies has been produced, for seeing to it that the medium and the long term safety recommendations of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board are implemented *(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

KUMARI UMA BHARATI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, he is putting his hand repeatedly into his pocket, what is that he is looking for?

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Do you want to see it!

SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH : I want to assure the hon. Member that as far as the old reactors are concerned, the recommendation of switching them over to zirconium alloys has already been taken into account and at present, most of our reactors are running with a good plant load factor. But the Rajasthan Atomic Power Plant has been shut down for mandatory repairs; RAPP has been shut to switch to implement these recommendations.

[Translation]

Refinery Projects

*283. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any schemes have been formulated in regard to the refinery projects by oil companies in collaboration with some foreign oil companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof.

(c) the details of the progress made in this regard so for;

(d) the equity participation of the foreign oil companies under the said schemes and the details of the equity of the public and others; and

(e) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (e). A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) to (e). Madras Refineries Limited was set up in 1965 as joint venture with NIOC (13%)* and Amoco India Inc. (13%)* and Cochin Refineries Limited was also set up in 1963 as joint venture with Phillips Petroleum Company Ltd. (25%)*. The present shareholdings of these Companies are as under :

(i) **Madras Refineries Limited**

Government of India	53.75%
National Iranian Oil Co.	12.21%
Others	34.04%

(ii) **Cochin Refineries Limited**

Govt. of India	55.04%
Govt. of Kerala	5.08%
Others	39.88%

Government in 1992, approved setting up 3 Joint Venture Refineries each with a capacity of 6.0 MMTPA to be located in Eastern India, Central India and Western India by IOC, BPCL and HPCL respectively, with private parties from India or abroad. Recently, in pursuance of this policy, LOIs have also been granted to HPCL and BPCL for setting up refineries in Joint Venture in Punjab and Uttar Pradesh respectively. The details of the equity participation in these Joint Venture Refineries are as under :

PSU	26%
Joint Venture Partner	26%
Public	48%

The details of progress of these projects is as follows :

1. IOC/Kuwait Petroleum Corporation	Eastern India Refinery Project	DFR for the project is yet to be received from IOC
2. BPCL/Oman Oil Company	Central India Refinery Project.	Project sanctioned in Dec'95 To be mechanically completed in 1999.
3. HPCL/Oman Oil Company	Western India Refinery Project	Proposal is under process for investment approval.

4. BPCL/Shell International Petroleum Co.	U.P. Refinery	Project is under process for Ist stage clearance.
5. HPCL/Saudi Aramco	Punjab Refinery	Project is under process for Ist stage clearance.

Equity participation

[Translation]

SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Mr. Speaker, I would like to know from the Hon'ble Minister whether during the past years oil companies of the country such as HPCL, BPCL, I.O.C. have started oil refining projects in collaboration with foreign oil companies. If so the names of such companies and the names of foreign companies which have started oil refining projects with the help of foreign oil companies and upto date position in this regard and the extent of amount spent on these companies?

[English]

SHRI T.R. BAALU : Sir at the start of the Eighth Plan, the Government of India has decided to set up three refineries — one in the Eastern India, the second in Western India and the third in Central India. We have called for the joint venture partners in common publicity. In July 1992, global publicity was made. People from Oman, Kuwait and International Petroleum Investment Company from Abu Dhabi offered equity. During the discussion between the International Petroleum Corporation and our oil companies, it was found that the International Oil Company was not keen on participating in the joint venture. Finally, Oman Oil Comapany forward to participate in the Western and Central India Refineries. The Kuwait Petroleum Corporation has offered to participate in the Eastern India Refinery. As it is, the Eastern India Refinery is a joint venture partner with Kuwait Petroleum Corporation and the IOC which is to be set up in Orissa. The MOU was signed on 6.9.1995; the capacity would be six million metric tonnes; the detailed feasibility report is yet to be received from the PSU.

As far as the Central India Refinery is concerned, the Oman Oil Company and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited had signed an MOU on 25.2.94; the capacity of the refinery will be six million metric tonnes. Land acquisition is about to be completed. Equity participation will be 26 per cent from BPCL and 26 per cent from Oman Oil Company and that of the public will be 48 percent. It will be completed before 1999. The expenditure incurred so far, upto 31.3.1996, is Rs. 10 crore and the anticipated expenditure in 1996-97 is Rs. 25 crore.

Regarding the Western India Refinery, under joint venture partnership with the Oman Oil Company and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, it is to be set up in Maharashtra. Stage-II clearance has been given. Land acquisition is yet to be completed. I also interacted with the officials of the Government of Maharashtra and I requested them to speed up the land acquisition.

As far as the Punjab Refinery is concerned, it is to be set up with Saudi Aramco and HPCL.

MR. SPEAKER : If you have got a long list, please place it on the Table of the House.

SHRI T.R. BAALU : What can I do, Sir? They want to have the full information.

MR. SPEAKER : The list can be placed on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

SHRI N.J. RATHWA : My second question is that what will be the criteria of equity of these oil companies with Government and other parties under these schemes and the extent of amount likely to be incurred on the scheme and the resources through which this amount is to be mobilised.

[English]

SHRI T.R. BAALU : Sir, resource mobilisation will be by equity participation. The foreign collaboration company will have to invest 26 per cent and the concerned public sector unit will also have to invest 26 per cent and the public will have to invest 48 per cent.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Sir, there is a proposal from the State of West Bengal to set up two oil refineries in West Bengal. Has the Government received any such proposal? If so, what are the steps taken by the Government of India?

SHRI T.R. BAALU : Sir, the question is pertaining to export-oriented refineries.

If the hon. Member puts a question about the export oriented units, I can answer it.

[Translation]

SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would specifically like to know about Oman. There was a press report two days back that the deal is going to be cancelled because the line is passing through Pakistan and Pakistan have yet not granted its permission. Shall we get agreement of Oman as it is or not. Whether the work will be completed by 1999 or not and whether we have obtained NOC from Pakistan or not.

SHRI T.R. BAALU : The question pertains to EOU refinery projects. My hon. friend has posed a question pertaining to Oman Oil and Gas.

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR : Mr. Speaker, Sir, my question is about Western India Refinery Project. In

the answer, he has mentioned that the proposal is under process for approval of investment.

What about acquisition of land? What is the amount of investment? From where would the Government get this amount? Will it be obtained from foreign companies or from within the country?

You have mentioned about the present condition of this project. I would like to have an answer to these questions.

SHRI T.R. BAALU : It is pertaining to the Western India Refinery Project. It is a joint venture between Oman and HPC. In the beginning itself, I have told the hon. Members that during my visit to Mumbai, I personally contacted , most probably, the Industry Secretary and other Government officials. I requested them to speed up the process of land acquisition. The land acquisition is half-way through only. The Government is very much interested to put up industry in Maharashtra.

As far as the capacity is concerned, it will be six million tonnes and the cost will be around Rs. 5,100 crore.

The stage-II clearance has been obtained. The Government has got more details from the partner in the joint venture about the financial aspect.

[Translation]

SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you very much. There is one Barauni refinery in Bihar. Indian Oil Board has sent an expansion programme for Barauni oil refinery from 3.2 million to 6 million to there Government and which is lying with the Government since February 1996. Infrastructure is available ther and there is no problem of land acquisition and quarters and other sources are also available there. I would like to know the time by which Government proposed to clear expansion proposal of Barauni oil refinery.

MR. SPEAKER : Very good.

SHRI T.R. BAALU : We are very much interested in the Barauni Refinery. We will expand it. The question is out of context.

[Translation]

SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Sir, it is not out of context. It is related...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

The Government of India is going to install refineries in several States. There is a refinery in the State of Bihar. The only question involved is about expansion. This is not out of context. The Government should reply to it.

The Minister concerned should give us the information. If he is not in a position to reply to my supplementary, it is another point.

MR. SPEAKER : Is there any new proposal for Bihar?

SHRI T.R. BAALU : Regarding non-availability of crude oil, the expansion is pending. As and when we put up the pipeline project there, it will come up.

SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : Sir, I personally met the Minister in his Office and gave him a letter requesting him about this project. But the project is still pending.

MR. SPEAKER : You better meet him once again.

SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : Thank you Sir.

SHRI KASHI RAM RANA : Sir, in regard to the proposal of M/s. Oman Oil India Company and M/s IPCL, the hon. Minister in his reply has said that the proposal is under process for investment approval.

Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to when this project would be sanctioned and commenced. Our earlier Prime Ministers, the late Shri Rajiv Gandhi and Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao had promised to provide sufficient gas for power generation from the Tapti High Drill. Then the Government of India had also promised to supply gas from the Oman gas pipeline. The State of Gujarat is now facing an acute power shortage due to non-allotment of gas for power generation. So, I would like to ask the hon. Minister as to when this project would be completed and sanctioned and how much amount would be required for this project.

SHRI T.R. BAALU : Sir, M/s. Oman Oil India Company is a joint venture with M/s. Bharat Petroleum is going to set up a refinery in Central India. As far as the concern of the hon. Member about setting up of refinery in Western India is concerned, I would like to say that M/s. Oman India Oil Company along with M/s Indian Petrochemicals would have to set up a refinery in Western India. M/s. Oman India Oil Company has already invested, as participatory investment, 26 per cent, out of the total of Rs. 35 crore for the refinery in Madhya Pradesh, that is, in Central India.

We have requested the concerned PSU to go into the details of the financial capabilities of M/s. Oman India Oil company for setting up of the Western India refinery. However, the Government is very much interested to put up the refinery in Western India ...*(Interruptions)*

Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme

*284. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received the final project Reports regarding Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMIUPEP) from the State Governments; and

(b) if so, the details of the Project Report State-wise and Uttar Pradesh in particular?